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REMARKS

Claims 1-235 were pending the application. Claims have been added. Accordingly, upon entry of this amendment, claims 236-342 will remain pending.

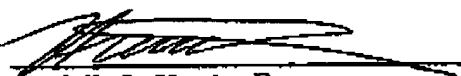
Support for the amendments to the claims may be found throughout the specification, including the originally filed claims. No new matter has been added.

Any amendments to the claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections and was done solely to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of Applicants' invention in order to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this and separate applications.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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